

63G-1-101. Title.

- (1) This title is known as "General Government."
- (2) This chapter is known as "State Symbols and Designations."

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63G-1-201. Official state language.

- (1) English is declared to be the official language of Utah.
- (2) As the official language of this State, the English language is the sole language of the government, except as otherwise provided in this section.
- (3) Except as provided in Subsection (4), all official documents, transactions, proceedings, meetings, or publications issued, conducted, or regulated by, on behalf of, or representing the state and its political subdivisions shall be in English.
- (4) Languages other than English may be used when required:
 - (a) by the United States Constitution, the Utah State Constitution, federal law, or federal regulation;
 - (b) by law enforcement or public health and safety needs;
 - (c) by public and higher education systems according to rules made by the State Board of Education and the State Board of Regents to comply with Subsection (5);
 - (d) in judicial proceedings, when necessary to insure that justice is served;
 - (e) to promote and encourage tourism and economic development, including the hosting of international events such as the Olympics;
 - (f) by libraries to:
 - (i) collect and promote foreign language materials; and
 - (ii) provide foreign language services and activities; and
 - (g) by the Utah Educational Savings Plan established under Title 53B, Chapter 8a, Utah Educational Savings Plan.
- (5) The State Board of Education and the State Board of Regents shall make rules governing the use of foreign languages in the public and higher education systems that promote the following principles:
 - (a) non-English speaking children and adults should become able to read, write, and understand English as quickly as possible;
 - (b) foreign language instruction should be encouraged;
 - (c) formal and informal programs in English as a Second Language should be initiated, continued, and expanded; and
 - (d) public schools should establish communication with non-English speaking parents of children within their systems, using a means designed to maximize understanding when necessary, while encouraging those parents who do not speak English to become more proficient in English.
- (6) Unless exempted by Subsection (4), all state funds appropriated or designated for the printing or translation of materials or the provision of services or information in a language other than English shall be returned to the General Fund.
 - (a) Each state agency that has state funds appropriated or designated for the printing or translation of materials or the provision of services or information in a

language other than English shall:

(i) notify the Division of Finance that the money exists and the amount of the money; and

(ii) return the money to the Division of Finance.

(b) The Division of Finance shall account for the money and inform the Legislature of the existence and amount of the money at the beginning of the Legislature's annual general session.

(c) The Legislature may appropriate any money received under this section to the State School Board for use in English as a Second Language programs.

(7) Nothing in this section affects the ability of government employees, private businesses, nonprofit organizations, or private individuals to exercise their rights under:

(a) the First Amendment of the United States Constitution; and

(b) Utah Constitution, Article 1, Sections 1 and 15.

(8) If any provision of this section, or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, the remainder of this act shall be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

Amended by Chapter 46, 2011 General Session

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63G-1-301. Legal holidays -- Personal preference day -- Governor authorized to declare additional days.

(1) (a) The following-named days are legal holidays in this state:

(i) every Sunday;

(ii) January 1, called New Year's Day;

(iii) the third Monday of January, called Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day;

(iv) the third Monday of February, called Washington and Lincoln Day;

(v) the last Monday of May, called Memorial Day;

(vi) July 4, called Independence Day;

(vii) July 24, called Pioneer Day;

(viii) the first Monday of September, called Labor Day;

(ix) the second Monday of October, called Columbus Day;

(x) November 11, called Veterans' Day;

(xi) the fourth Thursday of November, called Thanksgiving Day;

(xii) December 25, called Christmas; and

(xiii) all days which may be set apart by the President of the United States, or the governor of this state by proclamation as days of fast or thanksgiving.

(b) If any of the holidays under Subsection (1)(a), except the first mentioned, namely Sunday, falls on Sunday, then the following Monday shall be the holiday.

(c) If any of the holidays under Subsection (1)(a) falls on Saturday the preceding Friday shall be the holiday.

(d) Each employee may select one additional day, called Personal Preference Day, to be scheduled pursuant to rules adopted by the Department of Human Resource Management.

(2) (a) Whenever in the governor's opinion extraordinary conditions exist

justifying the action, the governor may:

(i) declare, by proclamation, legal holidays in addition to those holidays under Subsection (1); and

(ii) limit the holidays to certain classes of business and activities to be designated by the governor.

(b) A holiday may not extend for a longer period than 60 consecutive days.

(c) Any holiday may be renewed for one or more periods not exceeding 30 days each as the governor may consider necessary, and any holiday may, by like proclamation, be terminated before the expiration of the period for which it was declared.

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63G-1-401. Commemorative periods.

(1) The following days shall be commemorated annually:

(a) Bill of Rights Day, on December 15;

(b) Constitution Day, on September 17;

(c) Yellow Ribbon Day, on the third Monday in May, in honor of men and women who are serving or have served in the United States Armed Forces around the world in defense of freedom;

(d) POW/MIA Recognition Day, on the third Friday in September;

(e) Indigenous People Day, on the Monday immediately preceding Thanksgiving;

(f) Utah State Flag Day, on March 9;

(g) Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day, on March 29; and

(h) Utah History Day at the Capitol, on the Friday immediately following the fourth Monday in January, to encourage citizens of the state, including students, to participate in activities that recognize Utah's history.

(2) The Department of Veterans' and Military Affairs shall coordinate activities, special programs, and promotional information to heighten public awareness and involvement relating to Subsections (1)(c) and (d).

(3) The month of October shall be commemorated annually as Italian-American Heritage Month.

(4) The month of November shall be commemorated annually as American Indian Heritage Month.

(5) The month of April shall be commemorated annually as Clean Out the Medicine Cabinet Month to:

(a) recognize the urgent need to make Utah homes and neighborhoods safe from prescription medication abuse and poisonings by the proper home storage and disposal of prescription and over-the-counter medications; and

(b) educate citizens about the permanent medication disposal sites in Utah listed on useonlyasdirected.org that allow disposal throughout the year.

(6) The first full week of May shall be commemorated annually as State Water Week to recognize the importance of water conservation, quality, and supply in the state.

(7) The second Friday and Saturday in August shall be commemorated annually as Utah Fallen Heroes Days to:

(a) honor fallen heroes who, during service in the military or public safety, have sacrificed their lives to protect the country and the citizens of the state; and

(b) encourage political subdivisions to acknowledge and honor fallen heroes.

(8) The third full week in August shall be commemorated annually as Drowsy Driving Awareness Week to:

(a) educate the public about the relationship between fatigue and driving performance; and

(b) encourage the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Transportation to recognize and promote educational efforts on the dangers of drowsy driving.

(9) The third full week of June shall be commemorated annually as Workplace Safety Week to heighten public awareness regarding the importance of safety in the workplace.

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63G-1-501. State flag.

The state flag of Utah shall be a flag of blue field, fringed, with gold borders, with the following device worked in natural colors on the center of the blue field:

The center a shield; above the shield and thereon an American eagle with outstretched wings; the top of the shield pierced with six arrows arranged crosswise; upon the shield under the arrows the word "Industry," and below the word "Industry" on the center of the shield, a beehive; on each side of the beehive, growing sego lilies; below the beehive and near the bottom of the shield, the word "Utah," and below the word "Utah" and on the bottom of the shield, the figures "1847"; with the appearance of being back of the shield there shall be two American flags on flagstaffs placed crosswise with the flag so draped that they will project beyond each side of the shield, the heads of the flagstaffs appearing in front of the eagle's wings and the bottom of each staff appearing over the face of the draped flag below the shield; below the shield and flags and upon the blue field, the figures "1896"; around the entire design, a narrow circle in gold.

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63G-1-601. State symbols.

(1) Utah's state animal is the elk.

(2) Utah's state bird is the sea gull.

(3) Utah's state centennial astronomical symbol is the Beehive Cluster located in the constellation of Cancer the Crab.

(4) Utah's state centennial star is Dubhe, one of the seven bright stars

composing the Big Dipper in the constellation Ursa Major.

(5) Utah's state centennial tartan, which honors the first Scots known to have been in Utah and those Utahns of Scottish heritage, shall have a pattern or repeating-half-sett of white-2, blue-6, red-6, blue-4, red-6, green-18, red-6, and white-4 to represent the tartan worn anciently by the Logan and Skene clans, with the addition of a white stripe.

(6) Utah's state cooking pot is the dutch oven.

(7) Utah's state emblem is the beehive.

(8) Utah's state emblem of service and sacrifice of lives lost by members of the military in defense of our freedom is the "Honor and Remember" flag, which consists of:

(a) a red field covering the top two-thirds of the flag;

(b) a white field covering the bottom one-third of the flag, which contains the words "honor" and "remember";

(c) a blue star overlaid by a gold star with a thin white border in the center of the flag spanning the red field and the white field; and

(d) a representation of a folded United States flag beneath the blue and gold stars with three tongues of flame emanating from its top point into the center of the gold star.

(9) Utah's state firearm is the John M. Browning designed M1911 automatic pistol.

(10) Utah's state fish is the Bonneville cutthroat trout.

(11) Utah's state flower is the sego lily.

(12) Utah's state folk dance is the square dance, the folk dance that is called, cued, or prompted to the dancers and includes squares, rounds, clogging, contra, line, and heritage dances.

(13) Utah's state fossil is the Allosaurus.

(14) Utah's state fruit is the cherry.

(15) Utah's state vegetable is the Spanish sweet onion.

(16) Utah's historic state vegetable is the sugar beet.

(17) Utah's state gem is topaz, as is prominently found in the Thomas Mountain Range in Juab County, Utah.

(18) Utah's state grass is Indian rice grass.

(19) Utah's state hymn is "Utah We Love Thee" by Evan Stephens.

(20) Utah's state insect is the honeybee.

(21) Utah's state mineral is copper.

(22) Utah's state motto is "Industry."

(23) Utah's state railroad museum is Ogden Union Station.

(24) Utah's state rock is coal.

(25) Utah's state song is "Utah This is the Place" by Sam and Gary Francis.

(26) Utah's state tree is the quaking aspen.

(27) Utah's state winter sports are skiing and snowboarding.

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63G-1-701. Title.

This part is known as "Display of Flags by a Government Entity."

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63G-1-702. Definitions.

As used in this part:

- (1) "Capitol hill complex" is as defined in Section 63C-9-102.
- (2) (a) "Flag" means a depiction or emblem made from fabric or cloth.
- (b) "Flag" does not include a depiction or emblem made from:
 - (i) lights;
 - (ii) paint;
 - (iii) roofing;
 - (iv) siding;
 - (v) paving materials;
 - (vi) flora;
 - (vii) balloons; or
 - (viii) any other building, landscaping, or decorative component other than fabric or cloth.
- (3) "Flag of the United States" is the flag described in United States Code Title 4, Chapter 1, The Flag.
- (4) "POW/MIA flag" means the POW/MIA flag of the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia.

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63G-1-703. Display of POW/MIA flag.

- (1) In any place at the capitol hill complex where the United States flag is displayed out of doors, the entity responsible for the display of the United States flag shall display the POW/MIA flag, in the manner described in Subsection (2), from sunrise to sunset on the following days:
 - (a) Armed Forces Day, the third Saturday in May;
 - (b) Memorial Day, the last Monday in May;
 - (c) Flag Day, June 14;
 - (d) Independence Day, July 4;
 - (e) Veteran's Day, November 11; and
 - (f) National POW/MIA Recognition Day, the third Friday in September.
- (2) When displaying the POW/MIA flag under Subsection (1), the entity responsible to display the flag shall fly or hang the POW/MIA flag as follows:
 - (a) if the United States flag and the POW/MIA flag are attached to the same flag pole, by placing the POW/MIA flag directly under the United States flag; or
 - (b) if the United States flag and the POW/MIA flag are displayed near each other, but not on the same flag pole, by placing the top of the POW/MIA flag below the top of the United States flag.

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